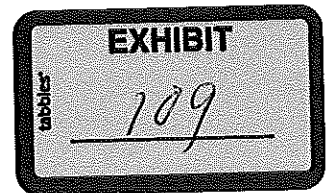




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Re: Proposed Streamflow Regulations

Mr. Stacey,

Avalonia Land Conservancy supports healthy rivers and wants regulations passed soon which protect our rivers from going dry. As these new regulations will be in effect for decades, it is extremely important that we get these regulations adopted soon and get them right. We are very encouraged to see that this is the first, science-based effort to protect water flow in every state river.

We understand that for the first time ever, these proposed regulations will require minimum flows in every state river to protect the ecological health of the river. Several proposed classes, 1 through 4, are on the table. Upon review of said Classes, we feel that Class 4, a class applied to heavily impacted rivers, which essentially says that these rivers are written off with no hope for any restoration, must be eliminated from these regulations. We object to sacrificing any river, especially urban ones like the Quinnipiac.

These regulations need to be as effective as possible. Please eliminate Class 4 from the proposed streamflow regulations. The health of our urban rivers depends upon taking this action.

River water belongs to all the people of Connecticut and our state is water-rich. With intelligent planning, there is enough water for both fish and faucet.

Yours sincerely,

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President